

Quarterly Population Report

Third Quarter - 2012

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Population Estimates*

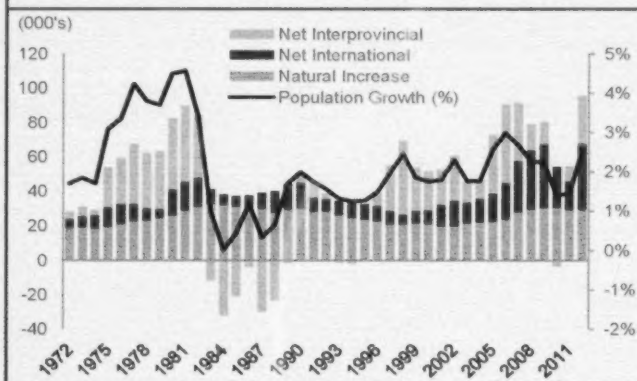
Driven by an influx of new migrants, Alberta led all provinces in population growth for the fourth consecutive quarter. The province added 33,100 people between July and September, and saw its population expand by 0.85% to 3,906,839. This was more than double the national increase of 0.35%. Besides Alberta, the only province to grow faster than the national average was Saskatchewan (0.61%). Newfoundland and Labrador experienced a small increase, but the population of the rest of Atlantic Canada was relatively stable.

* all data are from Statistics Canada

TABLE 1: POPULATION & GROWTH RATES, CANADA & ALBERTA

Population			Yearly Growth Rate		
1-Oct	Canada	Alberta	1-Oct	Canada	Alberta
2007	33,047,510	3,531,286	2007	1.09%	2.26%
2008	33,447,590	3,614,584	2008	1.21%	2.36%
2009	33,857,757	3,687,243	2009	1.23%	2.01%
2010	34,256,390	3,737,480	2010	1.18%	1.36%
2011	34,606,356	3,797,977	2011	1.02%	1.62%
2012	35,002,447	3,906,839	2012	1.14%	2.87%

FIGURE 1: ALBERTA COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE, YEAR OVER YEAR, QUARTER 3



Year-over-year, Alberta had the strongest population growth in Canada, expanding by 2.9% (Table 1), or 109,000 people (Figure 1). Nationally, the population expanded by 1.1%, adding 396,000 persons. Following Alberta, Saskatchewan (2.2%) had the second highest growth rate, well above the average population growth rate (Table 2).

Migration

Migration was the major driver of population growth in Alberta, adding almost 25,000 new residents from different parts of Canada and all over the world during the third quarter of 2012. Contributing three quarters of the population growth in the quarter, this net migration gain was the highest recorded since the peak in the third quarter of 1980 (26,165) (Figure 1).

Net Interprovincial Migration

Interprovincial migration continued to strengthen this quarter, coming in at 13,915; a number five times higher than the same quarter last year. Over the third quarter, Alberta led the rest of Canada with the largest gain in interprovincial migrants. The majority of newcomers came from Ontario (5,864) and British Columbia (3,965) (Table 3). Following Alberta, Saskatchewan had the second highest net inflow of interprovincial migrants (1,286) among the provinces. However, Alberta's magnitude of net interprovincial migrants was over 10 times that of Saskatchewan. In contrast, Ontario saw the largest net outflow of 5,591, followed by British Columbia (-2,748).

Net International Migration

Alberta received a very large net flow of international migrants (10,809) in the third quarter of 2012 (Table 4), a 21% jump from the same period last year. Of these, 9,105 were permanent residents, which was the second highest third quarter immigration on record. Although this was a small decrease from the previous quarter, Alberta's share of all immigrants to Canada remained relatively high at 13.6%, compared with 12.5% in the third quarter last year. Similarly, Alberta was the destination of choice for a significant number of non-permanent residents (NPRs). During the quarter, the province gained 3,946 NPRs, almost double the 2,186 who arrived during same period in 2011.

TABLE 2: POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2012 & GROWTH RATES SINCE OCTOBER 1, 2011

	Canada	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
Population	35,002,447	513,555	146,205	947,831	755,346	8,076,828	13,546,112	1,270,646	1,086,564	3,906,839	4,638,825	36,355	43,313	34,028
Growth Rate	1.14%	-0.01%	0.09%	-0.15%	-0.03%	0.96%	0.97%	1.20%	2.16%	2.87%	0.94%	2.08%	-1.26%	1.39%

Natural Increase

Between July 1 and September 30 of 2012, Alberta recorded 13,816 births and 5,446 deaths. As a result, natural increase (births minus deaths) contributed 8,370 people to Alberta's population. It

accounted for 25% of this quarter's population growth. The provincial population grew by 0.22% due to natural increase, the highest rate among the provinces, and almost twice the national average rate of 0.12%.

TABLE 3: ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS JULY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

Origin	Destination													
		NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NT	NU
	NL	0	45	272	75	83	840	71	5	707	222	34	0	35
	PEI	78	0	122	184	30	346	11	5	248	81	55	13	1
	NS	300	218	0	676	343	2,188	147	167	2,353	515	6	22	17
	NB	84	119	929	0	771	1,362	130	41	1,211	329	0	0	11
	QC	85	43	310	649	0	6,145	266	216	1,848	991	24	22	40
	ON	1,033	146	1,979	953	5,082	0	1,622	1,743	10,523	4,439	125	138	67
	MB	14	15	177	53	208	1,499	0	788	1,815	1,012	12	5	18
	SK	35	3	94	64	174	1,029	540	0	2,907	1,030	0	16	0
	AB	812	101	771	479	1,119	4,659	831	2,941	0	6,007	109	165	54
	BC	64	40	256	223	848	4,023	716	1,224	9,972	0	75	132	27
	YT	0	0	0	0	17	93	34	0	70	147	0	21	0
	NT	0	49	44	0	69	39	8	48	295	79	72	0	13
	NU	42	0	0	28	9	36	0	0	14	0	0	16	0
	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NT	NU	
IN	2,547	779	4,954	3,384	8,753	22,259	4,376	7,178	31,963	14,852	512	550	293	
OUT	2,389	1,184	6,952	4,987	10,639	27,850	5,616	5,892	18,048	17,600	382	716	145	
NET	158	-405	-1,998	-1,603	-1,886	-5,591	-1,240	1,286	13,915	-2,748	130	-166	148	
Q3 2012	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NT	NU	
Outflow to AB	707	248	2,353	1,211	1,848	10,523	1,815	2,907	0	9,972	70	295	14	
Inflow from AB	812	101	771	479	1,119	4,659	831	2,941	0	6,007	109	165	54	
Net Flow to AB	-105	147	1,582	732	729	5,864	984	-34	0	3,965	-39	130	-40	

Estimates of non-permanent residents (NPRs) represent the number of "...persons who are lawfully in Canada on a temporary basis under the authority of a temporary resident permit, along with members of their family living with them. Non-permanent residents (NPR) include foreign workers, foreign students, the humanitarian

population and other temporary residents. The humanitarian population includes refugee claimants and temporary residents who are allowed to remain in Canada on humanitarian grounds and are not categorized as either foreign workers or foreign students."

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 4: ALBERTA COMPONENTS OF GROWTH BY QUARTER

Quarters in Census Year	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration						Total	Vital Events		Total*
	In	Out	Net	Immigrants	Net Non- Permanent Residents	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net	Total Net Migration	Births	Deaths	Sum of Components
2008-09													
Jul-Sep	22,732	20,075	2,657	6,455	7,870	3,450	1,092	1,535	11,318	13,975	13,438	5,020	22,393
Oct-Dec	15,137	11,026	4,111	5,201	4,574	1,970	802	691	7,694	11,805	12,241	5,495	18,551
Jan-Mar	18,711	14,026	4,685	5,764	4,489	1,499	710	731	8,775	13,460	12,310	5,427	20,343
Apr-Jun	18,658	16,927	1,731	7,739	2,708	1,597	730	1,178	9,298	11,029	13,319	5,098	19,250
Total	75,238	62,054	13,184	25,159	19,641	8,516	3,334	4,135	37,085	50,269	51,308	21,040	80,537
2009-10													
Jul-Sep	16,263	18,283	-2,020	7,585	2,284	2,517	1,054	1,427	7,725	5,705	13,697	4,887	14,515
Oct-Dec	9,436	11,638	-2,202	5,929	-1,486	1,463	787	706	2,899	697	12,397	5,576	7,518
Jan-Mar	15,008	14,860	148	6,762	-99	1,214	724	672	5,397	5,545	12,263	5,602	12,206
Apr-Jun	17,251	16,448	803	9,729	-685	1,381	767	1,183	8,079	8,882	13,165	5,258	16,789
Total	57,958	61,229	-3,271	30,005	14	6,575	3,332	3,988	24,100	20,829	51,522	21,323	51,028
2010-11													
Jul-Sep	16,766	16,767	-1	9,485	-1,822	2,505	1,031	1,426	5,553	5,552	13,218	5,046	13,724
Oct-Dec	12,428	11,098	1,330	6,667	-6,704	1,547	796	706	-1,674	-344	12,222	5,753	6,125
Jan-Mar	15,768	12,608	3,160	5,916	-419	1,289	732	672	4,148	7,308	12,404	5,781	13,931
Apr-Jun	19,013	15,059	3,954	8,389	1,341	1,462	775	1,183	8,676	12,630	13,331	5,425	20,536
Total	63,975	55,532	8,443	30,457	-7,604	6,803	3,334	3,987	16,703	25,146	51,175	22,005	54,316
2011-12													
Jul-Sep	22,809	20,031	2,778	8,970	2,186	2,603	1,044	1,426	8,935	11,713	13,402	5,210	19,905
Oct-Dec	16,053	10,931	5,122	7,690	-149	1,556	791	706	5,900	11,022	12,437	5,938	17,521
Jan-Mar	24,177	12,451	11,726	7,520	2,440	1,295	728	672	8,609	20,335	12,688	5,972	27,051
Apr-Jun	26,133	17,589	8,544	10,358	5,244	1,468	771	1,183	14,546	23,090	13,716	5,610	31,196
Total	89,172	61,002	28,170	34,538	9,721	6,922	3,334	3,987	37,990	66,160	52,243	22,730	95,673
2012-13													
Jul-Sep	31,963	18,048	13,915	9,105	3,946	2,624	1,044	1,426	10,809	24,724	13,816	5,446	33,094
Oct-Dec	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jan-Mar	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apr-Jun	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	31,963	18,048	13,915	9,105	3,946	2,624	1,044	1,426	10,809	24,724	13,816	5,446	33,094

* The sum of the components may not equal the total quarterly population change due to differences in the methods used to derive intercensal and post censal estimates.